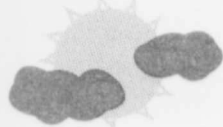


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Study: Calif. drug offenders skip out on treatment

Timothy Jue

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Statistics from a state-funded University of California at Los Angeles study show that nearly half of California's drug offenders who opted for community-based rehabilitation programs in lieu of jail time never completed their treatment, and over 25 percent of offenders did not show up on their first day.

In 2000, voters passed Proposition 36, an initiative that gives nonviolent drug users an opportunity to stop using narcotics through local drug-treatment programs before they face incarceration. Every year since, a comprehensive study analyzing Proposition 36 has been conducted by UCLA assessing the efficacy of the program.

The most recent study, released in 2006, also showed that the program saved the state \$2.50 for every \$1 spent because offenders who successfully completed the rehabilitation process stayed out of the state's overcrowded prison system and county jails.

Critics of Proposition 36, including Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said the high number of offenders who skipped out on treatment brought the program's success rate into question.

"The big problem is there's a loophole where offenders can opt to never show up for treatment," said Sabrina Lockheart, spokesperson for the governor. "In order to meet the voters' intentions that nonviolent offenders successfully complete treatment, the governor believes that it's appropriate to have a number of tools to ensure

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WHAT IS FAIR?

At least once during college, students get a grade they feel they don't deserve.

While most sigh and look forward to the next quarter, few know that they can actually do something about it.

The Cal Poly Fairness Board works to protect the rights of students in grade disputes with professors.

The 10-member board is comprised of a tenured or tenure-track faculty member from each college and two Associated Students Inc. appointed student representatives. It deals with grade appeals by discussing written explanations or by having a hearing where both the student and professor settle a dispute through due process.

The board, established in 1969, hears cases based on students' complaints that an instructor has made a mistake, shown bad faith or incompetence, or been unfair.

"If a student gets a grade they think is unfair from the professor and they haven't received a satisfactory outcome from the professor or department, they discuss it with us to find a remedy," said Fairness Board chair Greg Bohr.

Yet, one Cal Poly electrical engineering student had a different experience with the

Though a Fairness Board is available for students to dispute their grades, few know about it and fewer have their cases heard.

Jackie Pugh
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

board when the only evidence he had was thrown away once he had returned from active duty in Baghdad.

Geoff Lewis brought his case to his professor, the department head, Student Affairs, the Disability Resource Center, the Fairness Board, the vice provost

and the provost in 2003, and none could give him the fairness he sought.

"I had a problem with a professor because I felt he was grading unfairly, but my situation was kind of unique because I was going to the DRC and everyone else kept referring me back to the DRC," Lewis said.

Lewis started the process of going to different outlets on campus two quarters before he actually went to the Fairness Board in January 2003. He was activated a week later in the guard and had to go to Baghdad for a year.

"By the time I got back, the professor, knowing I had a grievance with him, had thrown the finals away," Lewis said.

"I got frustrated and gave up," he added. "There's no oversight, it's like a fox watching a chicken coup ... everything was

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NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

In addition to the City Deli, The Avenue added City Subs to make more sandwich options available.

The Avenue adds more sandwich alternatives

Angel Pacheco
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City Subs, a new sandwich window in The Avenue that specializes in fresh submarine sandwiches, opened for the first time Monday.

Located next to the City Deli sandwich window, the addition offers students 4-inch, 8-inch and foot-long sandwiches for \$3.65, \$5.65 and \$6.95, respectively. Customers design their sandwiches from a selection of meats, cheeses, condiments and French bread — including white, wheat and herb.

City Subs' key feature is that it uses bread that is baked daily rather than prepackaged bread used by City Deli and Sandwich Factory, said Mike Thornton, assistant director to Campus Dining and designer of City Subs. Also, ordering is done verbally without filling out forms, which makes it easier, he added.

On its opening day, City Subs had

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SLO Transit extends bus hours, more extensions expected for fall

Devan McClaine
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On Monday, San Luis Obispo Public Works department began the extension of the SLO Transit evening bus route.

Prior to the extension, route 4, which runs from Cal Poly to downtown, Los Osos Valley Road and back, stopped at 6:04 p.m. The route will now make its final stop at Los Osos Valley Road and Laguna Village at 8:44 p.m. The final pickup at Cal Poly will be at 8:10 p.m.

The extension is the result of a collaborative effort that began in the fall between Cal Poly, Associated Students Inc. and the city of San Luis Obispo.

The extension was one of the platforms of ASI President Todd Maki's campaign last year. As chair of a transportation committee, Maki conducted a ride-along survey last year and determined that later service was the overwhelming improvement demanded by riders.

The extension comes on top

of the expansion of the No. 5 evening route in January. Route 5 runs from Cal Poly to the Madonna shopping center, downtown and back. Maki said both routes (4 and 5), have been extended at no extra cost to Cal Poly, a gesture which Maki said the city performed "out of goodwill."

"(The extension) was a campaign promise and has been a high priority, the city has been really helpful in getting this done," Maki said.

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Local briefs

SAN LUIS OBISPO — A 19-year-old man was treated for head and neck injuries after falling off of a roof and becoming unconscious on Wednesday morning, police said.

Daniel Wright-Miller of San Luis Obispo had climbed onto the roof of Health Plus Pharmacy in the University Square Shopping Center on Foothill Boulevard and fell 13 feet onto the pavement at about 4 a.m., a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release said.

His roommate, a Cal Poly student, told police they both were heavily intoxicated and had decided to go for a walk. Police said Wright-Miller was stabilized by paramedics and taken to Sierra Vista Hospital. Meanwhile, Health Plus Pharmacy owner Dana Nelson said she would not press charges on Wright-Miller for trespassing.

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CAL POLY — A graduate student from the College of Education received the annual Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the American College Personnel Association's Commission for Student Involvement.

Heather Iwata, a student in the counseling and guidance program, received the award that is given to graduate students who make a significant impact on campus through specific initiatives or on a daily basis.

Iwata has a strong presence in Cal Poly's greek life as a co-advisor, and she also holds the position of graduate assistant to Greek Life and Orientation programs.

A ceremony to present the award was held at the annual American College Personnel Association conference in Orlando, Fla., earlier this week.

— Compiled by the Mustang Daily staff

Fairness

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wrong; it was just horrible."

The only person to side with Lewis was an electrical engineering professor.

"(The board) turned the case down because the test didn't exist ... all you'd need to do is throw the test away," the professor said on grounds of anonymity, alluding to how ironically unfair he believed the board to be.

The source said he brought his own senior project to the board in the '80s and never went to a formal hearing.

"The rules were too open to confront and the burden of proof was on the student ... so I was wondering, what cases do they take?" the professor said.

"The first approach would be to come to me and have a conversation," Bohr said. "I'd give them some advice on whether or not they have a valid appeal for us. They would then provide a written letter of complaint and I'd distribute that to the board and we'd meet to decide if a hearing is needed."

Hearings are decided upon when the board believes that a grade change is likely. Then a request is made to the provost of Cal Poly, who can decide whether a grade change will be made.

An appeal has to be made with evidence; a student brings in the test or project in question. Bohr said past appeals involved a professor's syllabus or Scantron discrepancies.

Appeals should be made within the quarter after the grade was assigned so that professors have the evidence on file. But the board has accepted complaints up to a year after.

From the 1991-92 academic year until 2005-06, records show that there were 133 total cases and 59 actual hearings.

"It breaks down by year after that, but there really is no pattern," said Gladys Gregory administrative assistant for the Academic Senate.

"In 2002-2003 there were seven letters and six hearings, and in 2003-2004 there were 24 cases and 16 hearings," she said. "But there were also years where there was nothing ... in 1999-2000 there were zero cases."

The cases that didn't go to a hearing were resolved at different levels or were deemed insufficient to have a hearing.

This past year, the board was able to resolve the three cases brought to them without going to a hearing.

Chris Parker-Kennedy of the DRC is a new member on the Fairness Board who sat in on an appeal last spring.

"It ended up being something we just met up on, just one time, and we came up with a temporary solution," Parker-Kennedy said. "There weren't really grounds for an appeal and the head of the committee ended up making a decision."

While the board has not called in both sides of the dispute since she has been a member, Parker-Kennedy said she understands that the board is fair and it considers all sides.

However, when questioned about the lack of cases brought to the board, her response turned to the other outlets students have on campus.

"My guess would be that since we have a dean of students now, students feel they can go there to be heard," Parker-Kennedy said. "In referring students, I tell them that the people that work in that office are student friendly and they advocate for students. I always say if you want more immediate, more

informal resolutions, go the dean of students."

But, by no means does the dean of students replace the Fairness Board. The small number of cases brought to the board out of the approximate 18,000 students that attend Cal Poly, is most likely due to a lack of knowledge that such a committee exists.

Bohr said that the cases come in bits of randomness and also by the way that students hear about the board.

"(Students) aren't going to know to come to us, but we are working on changing that through the Academic Senate to spread the word through departments and faculty," Bohr said.

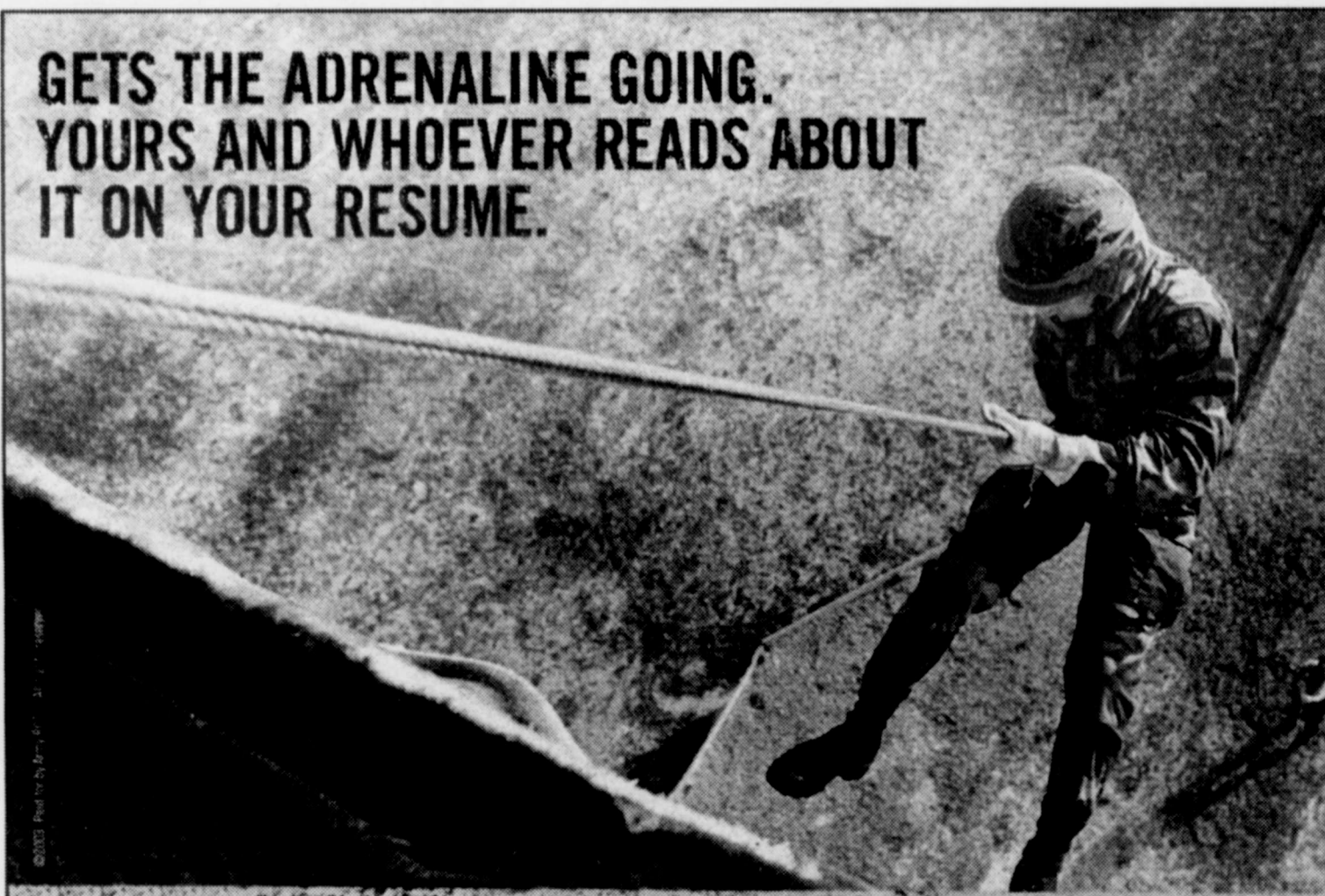
The board is also working on making the process easier for students. While the board has to assume that the professor is correct, as stated in the description of the Fairness Board and its procedures, it is trying to communicate directly with students in a more efficient manner.

"What happens sometimes when a case is resolved informally, there are a couple of avenues where (the student) talks to the dean of students and other members of the academic senate," Bohr said. "We are trying to streamline the process so that they don't get bounced around."

Cal Poly's Fairness Board, while actively trying to assist students for the past 38 years, has seen six revisions to its description and procedures document since 1973. Records are now kept classified and the committee is still largely unknown.

The question remains; do students feel comfortable going to a board of mostly faculty members? Do students feel like they even have a chance if they are "guilty until proven innocent"? Regardless, the board is there for those willing to fight for a grade.

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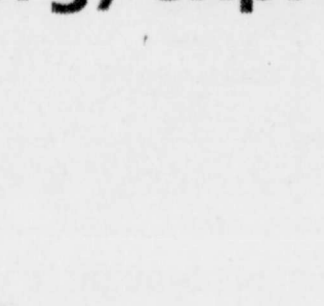
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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The lawyer and parents of American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh asked President Bush on Wednesday to commute his 20-year prison term, citing the case of an Australian man who was sentenced to less than a year for aiding terrorism.

Lindh, 26, was captured in Afghanistan in November 2001 by American forces sent to topple the Taliban after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was charged with conspiring to kill Americans and support terrorists but pleaded guilty to lesser offenses, including carrying weapons against U.S. forces.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Amaechi, the first NBA player to publicly come out of the closet, will be the grand marshal for a gay pride festival in West Hollywood this summer.

Amaechi, a former Orlando Magic player who is now retired from basketball, recently released a book called "Man in the Middle," which chronicles his life as a gay man.

"We are inspired by Amaechi's courage and convictions. Despite personal risk, he opened himself up to the world and showed his authentic self," said Rodney Scott, president of Christopher Street West, an organization that advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

The organization said Amaechi was selected because he showed courage and conviction despite personal risk.

Briefs

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two soldiers killed in Iraq in February may have died as a result of friendly fire, Army officials said Wednesday.

The Army said it is investigating the deaths of Pvt. Matthew Zeimer, 18, of Glendive, Mont., and Spc. Alan E. McPeck, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., who were killed in Ramadi, in western Iraq, on Feb. 2. The families of the two soldiers were initially told they were killed by enemy fire.

SYLVANIA, Ala. (AP) — A woman used a horse to ram a police car during a midnight ride through town and was charged with driving under the influence, police said.

DUI charges can apply even if the vehicle has four legs instead of wheels, Chief Brad Gregg said Tuesday.

Police in the northeast Alabama town received a call around midnight Saturday about someone riding a horse on a street, Gregg said.

"Cars were passing by having to avoid it, and almost hitting the horse," he said.

An officer found Melissa Byrum York, 40, on horseback and tried to stop her, Gregg said.

After ramming the police car with the horse and riding away, York tried to jump off but caught her foot in a stirrup, Gregg said. The officer took her into custody and found she had crystal methamphetamine, a small amount of marijuana, pills and a small pipe, the chief said.

International

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi challenged the White House on Middle East policy Wednesday, meeting with Syria's leader and insisting "the road to Damascus is a road to peace."

That brought a sharp attack from the Bush administration, which has rejected direct talks with Damascus until its changes its ways.

"Unfortunately that road is lined with the victims of Hamas and Hezbollah, the victims of terrorists who cross from Syria into Iraq," said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for President Bush's National Security Council. "It's unfortunate that she took this unilateral trip which we only see as counterproductive."

MUNDA, Solomon Islands (AP) — Diarrhea has broken out among children huddled in camps of tsunami survivors in the Solomon Islands, a Red Cross official said Wednesday — the first worrying sign that thousands of people who lost their homes in the waves may be at risk of disease.

International aid was slow to trickle in to survivors, particularly in the hardest-hit town of Gizo in the western Solomons. At least 2,000 people spent a third unsheltered night on a hillside near Gizo following Monday's earthquake and ocean surge.

A New Zealand military transport plane unloaded an aid package of tarps, water and food rations in the town of Munda late Tuesday.

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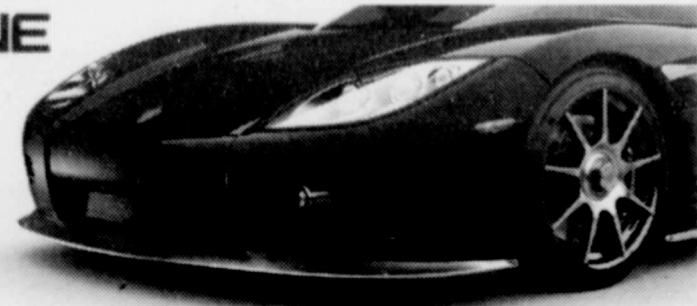
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Bush says he knows nation is weary of war in California speech

Ben Feller
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FORT IRWIN — President Bush said Wednesday he knows the nation is weary of war and wondering if the U.S. can win.

Still, he said efforts to pull troops home from Iraq only make the U.S. more vulnerable to attack from an enemy that is "pure evil."

"The enemy does not measure the conflict in Iraq in terms of timetables," Bush said to soldiers here, a reference to congressional Democrats' plans to start phasing in troop withdrawals.

"A strategy that encourages this enemy to wait us out is dangerous — dangerous for our troops, dangerous for our security," Bush said. "And it's not going to become law."

While speaking to troops at Fort Irwin, where more combat units are preparing to deploy to Iraq, Bush was trying to keep public pressure on Democrats. Both the House and Senate have approved war-funding bills that would establish timelines for U.S. troops to return home from the four-year-old conflict.

"It's a tough war," Bush said. "The American people are weary of this war. They're wondering whether or not we can succeed. They're horrified by the suicide bombing they see."

Yet Bush used a horrific tale in Iraq — one in which terrorists put children in a car to get through a checkpoint, then exploded the vehicle — to describe why he won't pull back.

"It makes me realize the nature of

the enemy we face, which hardens my resolve to protect the American people," Bush said. "People who do that are not — it's not a civil war, it is pure evil. And I believe we have an obligation to protect ourselves from that evil."

Bush then left the Mojave Desert for the upscale Brentwood section of Los Angeles. There, at the home of friend Brad Freeman, he hoped to raise \$2.2 million for the Republican National Committee before flying to his family ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Back in Washington, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said congressional proposals to provide war funding only for certain missions could cause more bloodshed in Iraq.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid last week said he would propose legislation to cut off funds for combat operations, and provide money for only three missions: targeted counterterrorism operations, training and equipping the Iraqi security forces, and to provide security for U.S. personnel and infrastructure.

But Gates said that could pull troops from Baghdad neighborhoods, which have been the focus of the latest military buildup in Iraq.

"If we abandon some of these areas and withdraw into the countryside or whatever to do these targeted missions, that you could have a fairly significant ethnic cleansing inside Baghdad or in Iraq more broadly," Gates said in a radio interview Wednesday with conservative talk show host Laura Ingraham.

Bush is on a six-day break from Washington just as he's in a stalemate with Congress.

The first stop was Fort Irwin, home of the U.S. Army's premier desert training center for combat units. Created during the Cold War era of tank warfare, the National Training Center has been redesigned to teach the counterinsurgency work of detecting homemade bombs.

Before his speech, Bush stood in a dusty, rocky field as soldiers explained how they detect and disarm homemade bombs, called Improvised Explosive Devices. Bush operated a remote-control robot, playfully steering the device straight into a row of news photographers.

Bush is chiding the House and Senate for passing war-funding legislation they knew he would veto — and for taking Easter vacation with the matter unfinished.

The White House is eager to show urgency even as Bush takes a vacation of his own.

"The president can sign a bill anywhere, anytime," said spokesman Gordon Johndroe.

His schedule calls mostly for quiet time in Crawford through the weekend. He is expected to promote his immigration policies in Arizona and return to Washington on Monday.

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Iran says it is releasing 15 captive British sailors and marines

Nasser Karimi
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TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in a surprise move that defused escalating tension in the Middle East, announced the release of 15 captive British sailors and marines Wednesday in what he called an Easter gift to the British people.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, who said the Britons had been released, added that he bore "no ill will" toward the Iranian people following the 13-day standoff.

The breakthrough eased tensions that have been increasing steadily, raising fears of military conflict in the volatile region and prompting a spike in oil prices. It suggested that Iran's hard-line leadership had decided Tehran had demonstrated its strength in the standoff but did not want to push the crisis too far.

Despite the announcement, however, the crew members had not arrived at the British Embassy as of 9 p.m. local time in Tehran.

Alex Pinfield, first secretary of embassy in Tehran, said it's not clear when they would be handed over or where they are going to spend the night. He indicated the British "are still discussing the Iranian case with the Iranian Foreign Ministry."

Asked about apparent contradictions over Blair saying the crew had been freed and British Embassy statements that they had not yet been handed over to British authorities, a Downing Street spokesman

would only say "the process is under way."

Iranian state television showed the 14 men and one woman meeting with Ahmadinejad outside the presidential palace following his announcement at a news conference that they were being freed. The crew members were seized while on patrol in the northern Persian Gulf on March 23, would leave Iran on Thursday.

At the news conference, Ahmadinejad

pinned a medal on the chest of the Iranian coast guard commander who intercepted the sailors and marines, then made the dramatic announcement.

"On the occasion of the birthday of the great prophet (Muhammad) ... and for the occasion of the passing of Christ, I say the Islamic Republic government and the Iranian people — with all powers and legal right to put the soldiers on trial — forgave those 15," he said, referring to the Muslim prophet's birthday on



British navy personnel, seized by Iran, stand after their meeting with the Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, not seen, at the presidential palace in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday. Ahmadinejad announced that his government would release the 15 detained British sailors and marines Wednesday as an Easter season gift to the British people.

March 30 and the Easter holiday.

"This pardon is a gift to the British people," he said.

The standoff between London and Tehran began when the crew was seized as it searched for smugglers off the Iraqi coast. Britain denied Iranian claims the crew had entered Iranian waters.

"I'm glad that our 15 service personnel have been released and I know their release will come as a relief not just to them but to their

families," Blair said outside his No. 10 Downing St. office.

"Throughout, we have taken a measured approach, firm but calm, not negotiating but not confronting, either."

Blair added, "To the Iranian people, I would simply say this: We bear you no ill will."

President Bush, who had condemned the seizure and referred to the captives as "hostages," also welcomed the news, said his national

security spokesman, Gordon Johndroe.

Blair thanked British allies in Europe, the U.N. Security Council and in the Middle East for their help in securing the freedom of the Royal Navy personnel.

Syria's information and foreign ministers said Damascus had played a key role.

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'Groovy' poet to grace Cal Poly stage, share new jams with students

Brooke Robertson
MUSTANG DAILY

Champion slam poet Steve Connell brings his critically acclaimed, powerful and energetic performance to Philips Hall tonight at 7:30, courtesy of Cal Poly's Another Type of Groove (ATOG).

ATOG will show off some of the nation's top poets to Cal Poly, offering the audience a chance to share their own poetry on the first Thursday of every month.

Connell, the 2003 New World Series National Poetry Slam Champion, returns to Cal Poly after performing in a slam during last year's Week of Welcome.

He has also appeared on HBO's "Def Poetry Jam," Showtime's "Crossover," MTV's World AIDS Festival and BET's "Lyric Café."

ATOG student coordinator Skylar Olsen said Connell's performances are "definitely engaging," inspiring audience feedback.

Connell has a lot of fans in Cal Poly's poet community, Olsen said.

Students and community members are invited to share their poetry before and during the break in Connell's performance.

The open mic session

attracts everyone from engineering to English majors, from veteran to new poets, Olsen said.

"One of the coolest things about Another Type of Groove is we get all different kinds of people," she said.

Sponsored by the Multicultural Center, ATOG was founded with the idea to "create an open space for dialogue and interchange of ideas," according to the program's Web site.

While some students share poems that deal with controversial issues and may be shocking, others are more sweet-tempered.

Olsen calls Another Type of Groove a "true home space" with the mantra, respect the mic and respect the poet. "The audience is very welcoming," she added.

Approximately 250 people attended ATOG's March 1 show, when Connell's artistic partner Sekou (tha misfit) performed, said Multicultural Programs and Services Coordinator Renoda Campbell.

A similar turnout is expected.

Anyone interested in sharing their poetry at the show will need to sign up before the performance begins, or, Olsen said, "just find someone with a clipboard."



COURTESY PHOTO

'A Christmas Story' director, son killed in LA car crash

Jeremiah Marquez
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Film director Bob Clark, best known for the beloved holiday classic "A Christmas Story," and his son were killed Wednesday in a head-on crash with an alleged drunken driver on Pacific Coast Highway, the filmmaker's assistant and police said.

Clark, 67, and son Ariel Hanrath-Clark, 22, were killed in the accident in Pacific Palisades, said Lyne Leavy, Clark's personal assistant.

The two men were in an Infiniti that collided head-on with a GMC Yukon around 2:30 a.m., said Lt. Paul Vernon, a police spokesman.

The driver of the other vehicle, Hector Velazquez-Nava, 24, of Los Angeles and his passenger, described as a 29-year-old woman, were taken to UCLA Medical Center with minor injuries.

The driver remained hospitalized and will be booked for investigation of "gross vehicular manslaughter" after being treated, Vernon said.

"The initial investigation has concluded that Nava was driving without a license northbound in the southbound lanes while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage," Vernon said.

Nava's passenger was released from the hospital after receiving treatment.

Scott Schwartz, who played the character Flick in "A Christmas Story" and kept in touch with Clark over the years, said he was devastated by the news. He called Clark one of the "nicest sweetest guys that you'd ever want to come in contact with."

"It's a tragic day for all of us who knew and loved Bob Clark," said Schwartz. "Bob was a fun-lovin', jelly-roll kinda guy who will be sorely missed."

In Clark's most famous film, all 9-year-old Ralphie Parker wants for Christmas is an official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot range model air rifle.

His mother, teacher and Santa Claus all warn: "You'll shoot your eye out, kid."

A school bully named Scut Farkus, a leg lamp, a freezing flagpole mishap and some four-letter defiance helped the movie become a seasonal fixture with "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

Clark specialized in horror movies and thrillers early in his career, directing such 1970s flicks as "Children Shouldn't Play With Dead Things," "Murder by Decree," "Breaking Point" and "Black Christmas," which was remade last year.

His breakout success came with 1981's sex farce "Porky's," a coming-of-age romp that he followed two

years later with "Porky's II: The Next Day."

In 1983, "A Christmas Story" marked a career high for Clark. Darrin McGavin, Melinda Dillon and Peter Billingsley starred in the adaptation of Jean Shepard's childhood memoir of a boy in the 1940s.

The film was a modest theatrical success, but critics loved it.

In Cleveland, the executive director of The Christmas Story House, which was used for several exterior shots in the film, said Clark had been planning to visit the house in August.

"We were all very excited about meeting him," Steve Siedlecki said. "It's very sad to think that that will never happen."

In 1994, Clark directed a forgettable sequel, "It Runs in the Family," featuring Charles Grodin, Mary Steenburgen and Kieran Culkin in a continuation of Shepard's memoirs.

In recent years, Clark made family comedies that were savaged by critics, including "Karate Dog," "Baby Geniuses" and its sequel, "Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2."

Among Clark's other movies were Sylvester Stallone and Dolly Parton's "Rhinestone," Timothy Hutton's "Turk 182!" and Gene Hackman and Dan Aykroyd's "Loose Cannons."

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After 30 years, Redford and Newman can still pull of a big 'Sting' on screen

Daniel Seguin

MUSTANG DAILY

The audience quiets down as the lights dim in the historic Fremont Theatre. Everyone settles in, eager for the next installment of the Fremont Theatre's Screening Room Classics series film — a 1970s classic sure to conjure up a few smiles, a few laughs and a few memories as well — "The Sting" in its original 35-millimeter format.

This is Hollywood in its glory days, raw and real; a pleasant flashback to days long gone by, never to be seen again.

"The Sting" stars Paul Newman and Robert Redford, and features an

all-star cast of prominent actors. The film made its 1973 debut premiering simultaneously in New York and Los Angeles. The film continued to garner rave reviews worldwide as well as generate box office gold for the studio.

Current film-making trends, such as computerized images, green screen special effects and a digitized editing process, stand in stark contrast to the film-making days of yesteryear. The screening choice of 35 millimeter leaves the viewing audience with the impression they are seeing the film as it was originally meant to be seen.

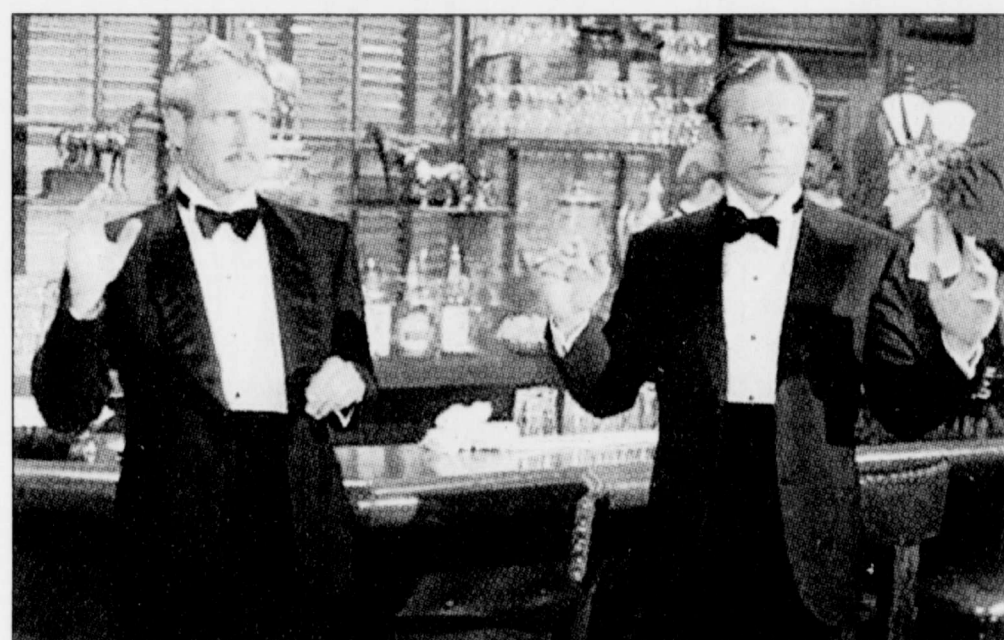
The distinctive sound effects are

crisp and clean. Hard-soled shoes click-clack neatly off hard packed surfaces, engine motors grumble as cars sail smoothly over surface streets and torrential rain plummets down upon corrugated steel rooftops. The pops, scratches and glitches of the voice track are there for the distinguishing ear to define. A welcome and refreshing sight to witness comes from the film's actors performing their own stunts, while interacting with actual props.

Set in the 1930s Depression era of Chicago, the film is a throwback to the days of hard-hitting mobsters and slick-talking con men, tough-talking dames and gun-toting lawmen.

Semi-experienced con man Johnny Hooker (Redford) botches a simple scam, and ends up fleeing from crime boss Doyle Lonnegan (played brilliantly by Robert Shaw).

What follows are a series of events



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1930s con men Henry Gondorff (Paul Newman) and Johnny Hooker (Robert Redford) have a few surprises to deal with at their phoney casino.

involving crooked cops, promiscuous prostitutes and gregarious gangsters, that nearly cost Hooker his life on more than one occasion.

While being pursued by Lonnegan and not knowing where to turn, Hooker enlists the aid of longtime con man Henry Gondorff (Newman). Together, they hatch a scheme so brilliant, so detailed, and

so complex, it will surely go down in history as the con to rival all others. They want to pull off the big con.

Hooker and Gondorff team up with a host of other eager players out for revenge. The list includes such characters as the "Erie Kid" and "Kid Twist" as well as others. They concoct the ultimate scam, enabling them to pull off the ultimate score against Lonnegan.

The film twists and turns its way to a genius climax, where, in the end, nothing is as it seems, and no one is who they appear to be.

Not since "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" have Redford and Newman been so on track. The duo play off each other like yin and yang, with the backing of an excellent supporting cast.

With a great film score, including "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin, the film went on to win several awards, including the Academy Award for Best Music.

"The Sting" was, is and will always remain a classic in American filmmaking.



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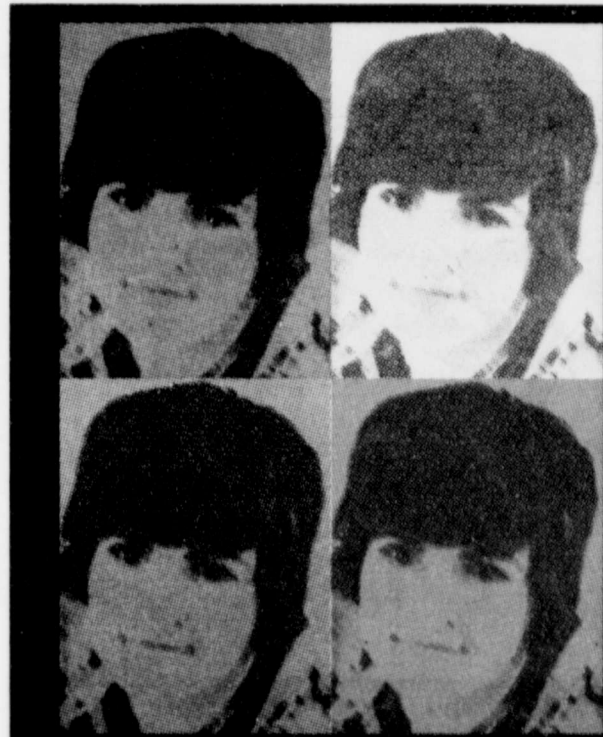
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MD's Pop Tart takes an up close and personal look at the evolution of tattooing



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by Alexandra Bezdikian

Beaver." Today, we have more palatable canvases on which to depict these nostalgic remnants of a distant past. Today, we have tattoos.

As millions of Americans flock to local tattoo parlors all over the country in search of this holy grail of body modification, getting inked is on the minds of many different kinds of people. So many people in fact, that I can't help but ask, "Has getting a tattoo become more of a cultural fad than cultural statement?"

These days, it seems everyone has a tattoo. Everywhere you look, it's ink on skin, ink on skin. At the beach, walking down the street, at the gym, tattoos; like I said, absolutely everywhere. Some people have a problem with this growing phenomenon of artistic expression, my own parents being two of them. Some people believe tattoos are destroying the moral fabric of our

lives, that they are evil. These people don't understand the symbolism of this ancient art, and luckily, I am here to enlighten.

A tattoo is a commitment. It is a permanent mark on your skin, an oath to carry something sacred with you till the end of your days; perhaps a piece of today you want to remember tomorrow. It is the birth of something new.

Tattoos are whatever the bearer wants them to be. They can symbolize rites of passage, depict status or rank, be symbols of religious and spiritual devotion, be decorations of bravery, or even just a silly mark. Tattoos can be many things and can be found on all types of people. Which brings me to my next point:

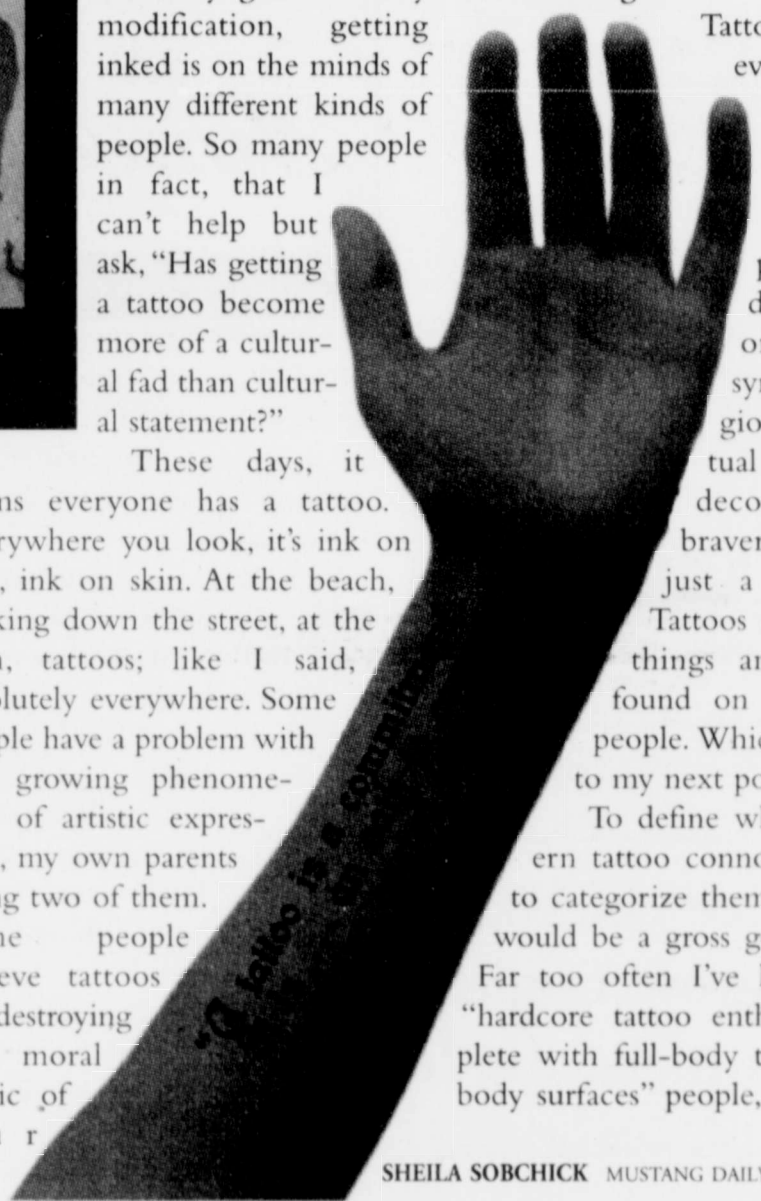
To define who the modern tattoo connoisseur is and to categorize them into groups would be a gross generalization. Far too often I've heard of the "hardcore tattoo enthusiast, complete with full-body tattoos on all body surfaces" people, the "I did it

in college" people, the "I'm a cool soccer mom because I have a tattoo" crowd, the "bikers," the "rockers," and I'm sick of it.

Maybe people should just stop judging others by the colors they have in their skin and the ink they wear on their sleeves. People are gonna do what they're gonna do. Perhaps it's time to let go of these juvenile stereotypes and see everyone as one unit, because in the end we are all just people. We're all human, and no matter what we do to escape being put

into boxes or placed in categories, we all belong to the same collective group and no matter what we do to escape it, we are all already different, and all universally the same; tattoo or no tattoo, so why do they matter?

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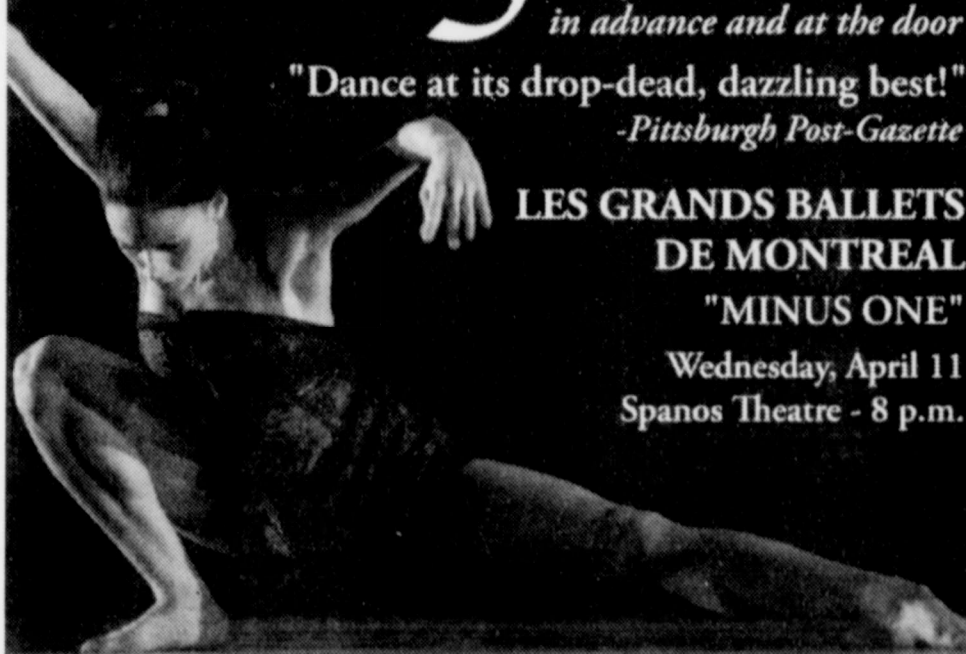
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DATING COLUMN

To take or not to take ... a break

They call it "spring quarter" because it springs up on you so fast.

Last week was much-needed to recover from the academic ordeal of winter quarter. Some of us are still recovering (others are recovering from spring break itself). In any case, I wouldn't have complained if break had lasted just a smidgen longer.

All of a sudden we're back in the swing of things, and we're expected to pick up the pace and dive in again with gusto. We must study hard and work quickly, not just to stay on top, but to keep up with our own aspirations.

At the risk of sounding blasphemous to our sacred work ethic: sometimes, isn't it best to just take a break?

If we're talking about your average chronically-afflicted workaholic, yes. (If only we could learn a thing or two about siesta from Europe.)

But what if we're talking about a relationship? What does it mean to "take a break"?

I give credit to "Friends" (sitcom royalty of sorts) for popularizing the expression. For those of you who grew up in caves and under rocks, the episode is appropriately blatantly titled "The One Where Ross & Rachel Take a Break" (season three).

In brief: boy and girl fight. Boy thinks they're "on a break" and gets with someone else. Girl gets mad, slightly vindictive; boy is in big trouble. Boy's and girl's relationship is now on the rocks.

While "Friends" certainly has its instructive benefits, it only begins to touch upon the implications that the concept of "taking a break" raises. (Disclaimer: I wouldn't rely on "Friends" for answers to all relationship questions; after all, there are only 10 seasons.)

The desire to take a break from a relationship can result from a number of different situations:

Sometimes the propulsion toward a break has volatile beginnings. After long enough, a heated ongoing fight about a serious issue, or incessant arguing about trivialities, can come to a head and erupt. Before long you begin to forget what it was like when you actually got along.

In contrast, it can also come from the abyss of boredom. It's the same old thing, the same dinner-and-a-movie routine every weekend, the same unenthusiastic peck before you part. You get along just fine, with no significant spats — but "just fine" is the problem.

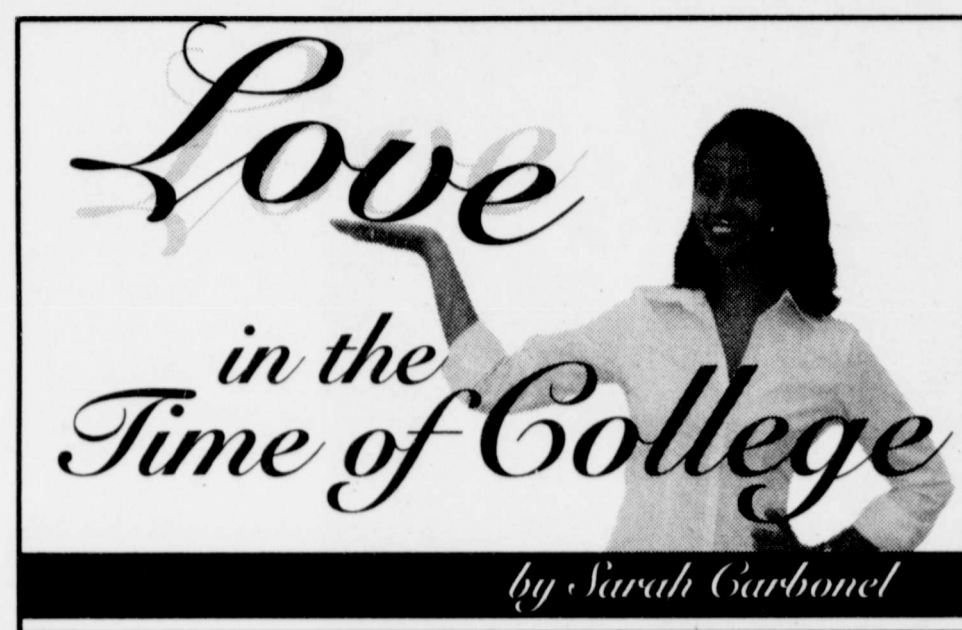
Another reason — one that seems particularly relevant to a college-aged group — is the desire to "see what else is out there." You feel you're too young, you haven't experienced enough

Absence can make the heart grow fonder ... or it can make the heart go wander.

of the dating scene, and you haven't gotten any definitive signs that this person is "the one."

It all comes down to a state of partial dissatisfaction — partial because "taking a break" implies a desire for return and a wish to keep some thread of connection intact. "Taking a break" is temporary; "breaking up" resonates with more permanence.

But there are divided opinions as to what taking a break means. Some allow for seeing other people; some retain exclusivity. Some allow continued contact during



the break; some want a trial separation sans communication. Some set a specific duration for the break; some deem it in place until further notice.

Ultimately, it is up to the individuals in question to decide the terms of the "break"; but remember, it was a lack of clarification that got Ross and Rachel in trouble!

Certainly, for some relationships, taking a break can be the healthy thing to do. If there's a question about whether or not to continue the relationship, sometimes it is being away from a significant other that can help a person make the decision to

constant fighting won't magically resolve disputes. The underlying disagreements between the two of you won't always disappear after time has passed; it may just come down to a personality conflict and incompatibility.

• **Taking a break because of mediocrity and stalemate** might help to rekindle the spark and attraction that existed at the beginning; but if monotony has overtaken comfortable companionship, the relationship may not provide either person with anything but boredom.

• **Taking a break because of curiosity** in "other fish in the sea" begs the question: "If I really wanted to be with this person, why would I want to take a break?"

A friend's parents have an interesting story to tell: after dating for awhile, he wanted to take a break and "date around."

She said that was perfectly fine with her. "But I won't be waiting for you when you get back."

Sometimes you do really just need to take a break.

And sometimes you only think you do.

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MySpace doesn't conquer voter apathy

Dan Burroughs

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You'd think someone would've figured it out by now. MySpace is "a place for friends." That means meeting people halfway around the world who share your interests. It means meeting people in your town for a random hookup. It can even mean making yourself feel less of a loser by having the most friends on your list.

What it doesn't mean is connecting with your future presidential candidates. I don't know whose bright idea it was to make Hillary Clinton, John McCain and others MySpace profiles, but they missed one important point: Politics will never be cool.

The thought of making Mitt Romney look "hip" and "up with the times" by giving him a spot on MySpace is about as sad as it is laughable.

What's funnier is knowing the reasoning behind politicians having silly MySpace profiles in the first place. Politicians have been trying to court the 18-to-25 age group forever — not because we have political views they wish to connect with, but because they're racking their brains figuring out how to get us to the polls.

It's ridiculous that our politicians need to

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venture onto what has become the lamest and sleaziest friend-finding site on the Internet. Yet, it reflects worse upon us.

Stuff like this proves that we're the most politically jaded generation this country has ever seen. Any politician's attempt to appeal to us on such a low level should be taken not as an invite but an insult.

Instead, we choose not to care. We choose not to care about the people who get voted into office, and we choose not to care about the laws those people pass once they get there. For many of us, our understanding of how this country runs and who runs it is more shallow than the single wrinkle in Paris Hilton's brain. And that's pretty damn shallow.

For God's sake, this generation thinks "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" are actual news broadcasts.

I wonder what it would take to finally get our attention? Maybe Barack Obama should dress up as a banana and sing "Peanut Butter Jelly Time." Or maybe we should just have Britney Spears run for office and call it a day. After all, we give that fool more of our attention than we do the people who can actually help or hurt us.

Maybe I'm just cynical, but the only way to make people our age pay attention to politics is to put either their lives or wallets in danger. Perhaps our country should start another war, institute another draft and make us fight.

And it's not that we don't see what's going on. We criticize or applaud the actions of our government all the time. But no amount of praise or complaining will make anyone take us seriously. You have to vote.

Campaigning on MySpace and similar outlets won't change anything. But you really can't blame politicians for trying. For your own good, don't make it so difficult for your leaders to get your attention. Eventually they'll stop trying, and then we will be screwed.

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New sex education, policies needed

William Harman
DAILY TOREADOR (TEXAS TECH)

Sex. Except for maybe drugs, it's the one thing religious conservatives hate more than anything else. Like drug policies, competent policies on sex and the results of sex are becoming increasingly important in modern society.

Creating a system of regulation is impossible, and if it were possible, it would have a worse effect than our current drug policy. The unalterable reason regulation for sex is impossible is the same as the reason why our drug policies are ineffective.

People always have had and always will have a desire to have sex. This desire is innate to the functioning of the human brain, and no government policy will change that. The universality of this is apparent in the fact every society and culture in the world has people trying to have sex as much as possible, regardless of how taboo it is to do so.

People are going to want to have sex at young ages, and it is the responsibility of the elders in society to ensure this is done safely.

With the realization that no matter what is done or preached, people are going to have sex comes the beginning of formulating responsible and rational sex-related policies. According to the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth, 12 percent of boys and 13 percent of girls have had sexual intercourse by the age of 14 or 15.

For this reason, it is imperative every type of safe sex is taught to

students in seventh or eighth grade. This includes teaching the usage and effectiveness of condoms, contraceptive pills, spermicidal jelly, female condoms, cervical caps, intrauterine devices, among others.

In addition, it is necessary to teach about sexually transmitted diseases as well as what types of sex they can be transmitted. For example, HIV is much more likely to be transmitted via anal sex than other types of sex, like oral or vaginal, because there is a greater chance of blood transfer. This is why it is much more prevalent among gay communities in America.

The epidemic in Africa exists because of the large Catholic populations and the fact the Catholic Church does not approve of contraceptives. I doubt it approves of anal sex either, but like I said, people are going to have sex no matter what. If the church would change its policy, many innocent lives could be saved.

Another problem with irrational and illogical abstinence-only sex education is it leads to high rates of teen pregnancy. According to The Washington Post, "Teen pregnancy rates in (Texas) remain above the national average, and Lubbock County consistently has one of the highest rates in the state."

Quite fortunately, because of the landmark case and great victory for personal choice known as Roe vs. Wade, abortion is legal in the United States. When a girl becomes pregnant at a young age, it ruins her and her fetus's chances for having successful lives as well as ruining the chances of her gay friend — if he

sticks around. It almost ensures the entire family will have less education and thus be poorer.

A rational policy would reduce the number of people in low-income brackets by allowing people to gain more knowledge and education before having children. In addition, by increasing their income bracket in this way, the United States would have fewer people on welfare. Everyone wins.

There are 6 billion people in the world, which leads to famine, disease and poverty, as well as accelerating the rate of environmental damage. For these reasons, any and all pregnancies that cannot be taken care of properly should be aborted. Thanks to advances in science and biochemistry, women no longer have to go to the clinic to get an abortion if other birth-control methods fail. All that is necessary is for them to take the Morning After Pill.

When making rational sex-education policies, or any policy for that matter, it is important to not allow self-righteous moralists to control policy. Moralists tend to make their decisions based on narrow views about what they believe people should do, not what they are actually going to do. Not everyone can be born into their ideal of middle-class, white and Christian families with both parents.

Rational, logical and successful policies are based not on some vague moral reasons without empirical evidence, but on what is better for people as a whole.

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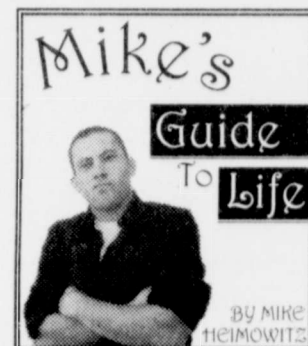
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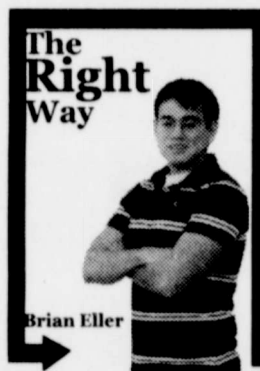
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Captives

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encourage dialogue between the two parties," Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said.

After Ahmadinejad's news conference, state television showed him meeting with the British crew, who were dressed in business suits, outside the presidential palace. He shook hands and chatted with them through a translator, and a caption to the video said the meeting was taking place as part of the "process of release."

"We appreciate it. Your people have been really kind to us, and we appreciate it very much," one of the crew could be heard telling Ahmadinejad in English.

Another said: "We are grateful for your forgiveness."

Ahmadinejad responded in Farsi, "You are welcome."

Among the crew at the palace was sailor Faye Turney, the sole woman among the captives, wearing a blue jacket and floral-patterned blue and white headscarf.

Iranian TV said the British captives had watched Ahmadinejad's news conference live and were ecstatic when a translator told them what the president had said.

British Defense Secretary Des Browne said they had acted with dignity during their captivity.

"It is vital that we get them back home quickly and safely so they can be reunited with their families and loved ones — that is our priority now," he said.

Recent days saw talk of direct negotiations between Britain and Iran, and a decrease in tensions that had risen after Iran broadcast videos in which Turney and the others "confessed" to violating Iranian territorial waters, and Britain expressed outrage.

Ahmadinejad said London had sent a letter to the Iranian Foreign Ministry pledging that entering Iranian waters "will not happen again."

The British Foreign Office responded: "We haven't gone into detail of what was in the note. But we have said all along we made our position clear (about being in Iraqi waters)."

The crew would be handed over to British diplomats in Tehran and that it would then be up to the Foreign Office to decide how they would return home, said an Iranian official in London who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations.

They will leave Tehran early Thursday and arrive at Heathrow around 11 a.m. (8 a.m. EDT), said Robin Air, father of Royal Marine Capt. Chris Air. Families will be reunited with the crew later in the day at a military base, he said.

Ahmadinejad said Iran will never accept trespassing in its territorial waters.

"On behalf of the great Iranian people, I want to thank the Iranian coast guard who courageously defended and captured those who violated their territorial waters," he said in awarding a medal to the coast guard commander.

"We are sorry that British troops remain in Iraq and their sailors are being arrested in Iran," Ahmadinejad said.

Ahmadinejad asked Blair not to "punish" the crew for confessing that they had been in Iranian waters when they were seized. Iran broadcast video of some of them giving confessions, angering Britain.

He also criticized Britain for deploying Turney in the Gulf.

"How can you justify seeing a mother away from her home, her children? Why don't they respect family values in the West?" he asked.

Ahmadinejad's announcement came after Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that an Iranian envoy would be allowed to meet five Iranians detained by U.S. forces in northern Iraq. Another Iranian diplomat, separately seized two months ago by uniformed gunmen in Iraq, was released and returned Tuesday to Tehran.

A U.S. military spokesman in

Baghdad said, however, that American authorities were still considering the request. The spokesman, Maj. Gen. William C. Caldwell, said an international Red Cross team, including an Iranian, had visited the prisoners but he did not say when.

Iran has denied it seized the Britons to force the release of Iranians held in Iraq, and Britain has steadfastly insisted it would not negotiate.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari told The Associated Press that the case of the five Iranians detained in Irbil, the capital of the Kurdish self-governing region in northern Iraq, had no connection with the British captives.

Zebari, a Kurd, said his government had been relaying Iranian requests for a meeting with the five detainees, but could not confirm the request had been approved.

In a commentary, IRNA said the movement on the Iranian prisoner issue was due in part to "the new American political and military appointments in Iraq."

The agency was referring to Gen. David Petraeus, who took command of U.S. forces in February, and Ryan Crocker, who began work as the new U.S. ambassador to Iraq in March.

U.S. troops detained the Iranians on Jan. 11, accusing them of links to an Iranian Revolutionary Guard network that was supplying money and weapons to insurgents in Iraq.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Bush had approved the strategy of raiding Iranian targets in Iraq as part of efforts to confront Tehran.

Iraqi Kurds, like the country's Shiites, maintain close ties with Shiite-dominated Iran, despite their warm relationship with the U.S. — and have been upset over the arrests.

Iran denounced the raid and insisted the five were diplomats who were engaged exclusively in consular work. The Iraqi government said they were arrested at an office that was supposed to become an Iranian consulate.

The British newspaper The Independent reported this week that the Irbil raid had escalated tensions between the U.S. and Iran and may have set the stage for the seizure of the British crew.

Officials at Columbia, USC, UT owned stock in preferred lenders

Mark Johnson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. — Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's office is investigating stock grants from student loan companies to financial aid officers at three major universities as part of a widening investigation into the \$85 billion student loan industry.

Cuomo's office on Wednesday sent a subpoena to Columbia University and sent letters to the University of Southern California and the University of Texas seeking information about financial aid officers ownership of stock in a loan company that appears on each school's list of preferred lenders.

Securities and Exchange Commission records for Education Lending Group Inc. show officials at the three schools in September 2003 owned at least 1,500 shares each of the company. Education Lending Group's subsidiary, Student Loan Xpress, is listed as a preferred lender at each school.

The records show David Charlow, the associate dean of student affairs at Columbia University, owned 7,500 shares of Education Lending Group's stock and owned 2,500 stock warrants at the time of the stock prospectus. Cuomo's office said Charlow sold the 7,500 shares for about \$9.50 each and in 2005 sold more of the securities for a total profit of more than \$100,000.

Robert Hornsby, a spokesman for Columbia, said the school placed Charlow on leave, started an investigation and notified the attorney general's office when they learned of his stock ownership following widespread attention generated by Cuomo's probe.

Columbia is reviewing Cuomo's recommendations for student loan disclosure and supports a code of conduct for colleges proposed by the attorney general, he said.

The SEC records show Catherine Thomas of USC and Lawrence Burt of Texas each owned 1,500 shares in the company.

Burt denied any financial arrangement between either himself or UT and the company and said his previous ownership of the shares had no connection to Student Loan Xpress's position on UT's preferred lender list. Burt sold the stock in 2003, he said. Based on the stock's price of \$9.50 per share at the time of the sale, Burt made a little more than \$14,000.

"They are on our lender list for the same reason the other 19 are on the list, they provide the best package of benefits to students," he said.

Burt said the school does not steer students to any particular lender and that Student Loan Xpress accounts for only 4 percent of UT's student loan volume.

Student Loan Xpress is now owned by New Jersey-based CIT Group Inc., one of the lenders under investigation by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo.

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Cal Poly subsidizes student riders' fee every year, a figure which Maki estimates to be in the \$300,000 range. The money, which allows students to ride with a PolyCard, is raised through various sources including parking tickets issued on campus. Despite the extensions, Cal Poly will not be required to contribute additional funds.

"This change is important for students because many classes at Cal Poly don't end until after the bus routes have ended. Students will finally have much-needed transportation after their evening classes, which will improve safety and the overall transit situation in the city," Maki said in a press release explaining the need for the extensions.

Throughout the months of collaboration, both sides also reached a tentative agreement on further extension of the evening hours for

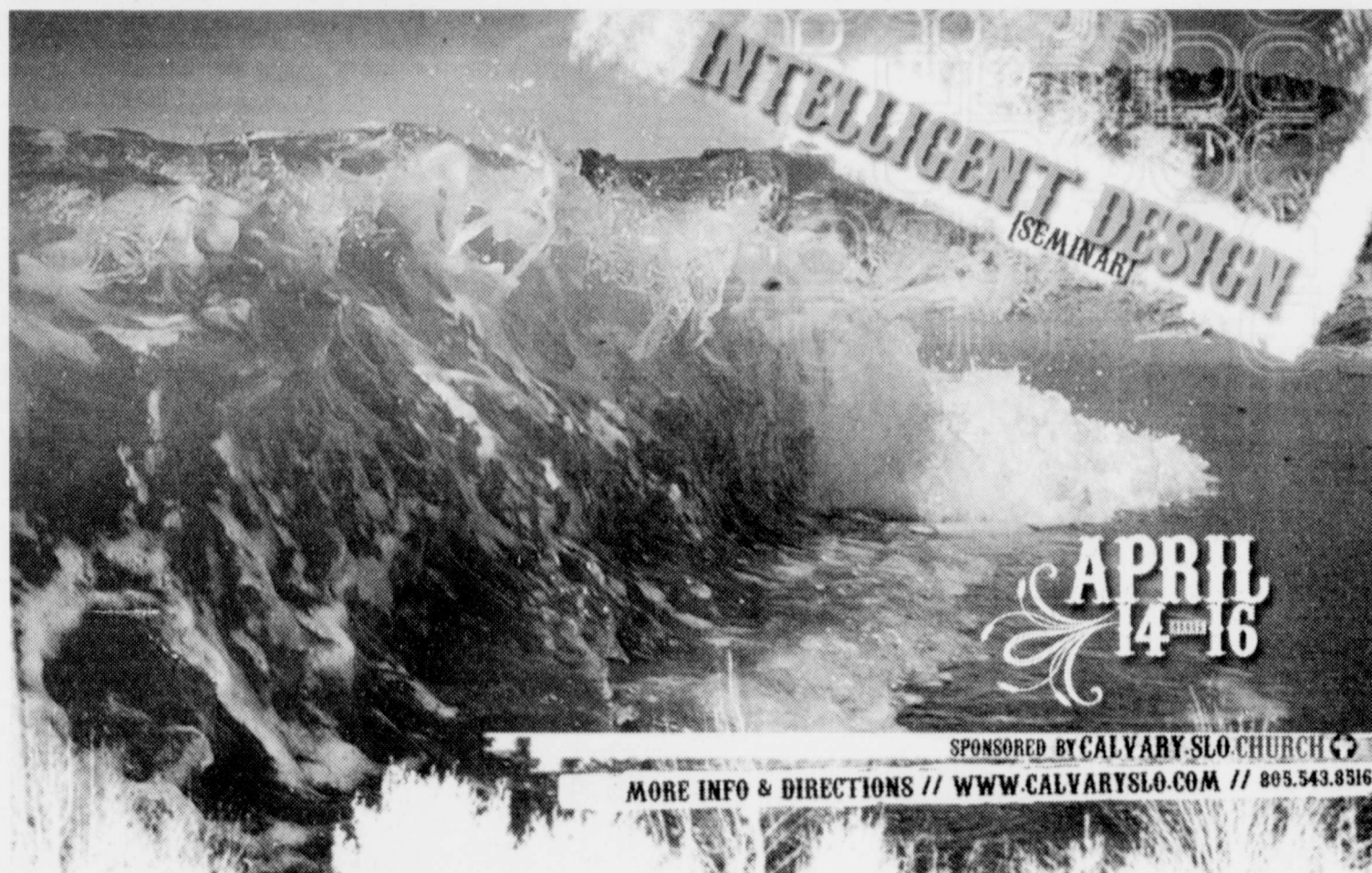
route 4 in addition to routes 6A and 6B. Maki said the funding for the extension will come via a county grant. The extended hours for the 4, 6A and 6B routes should begin this fall, although no plans have been finalized.

"These extensions (route 4 and 5) are just steps toward a bigger extension, which 6A and B will complete," Maki said.

Routes 4, 5, 6A and 6B are the most popular among Cal Poly students with all three buses running through campus. With stops close to campus as well as downtown and the areas surrounding Los Osos Valley Road, the advantages for Cal Poly students are obvious.

Maki also believes the extensions will benefit the community as well.

"The focus (of the extensions) has been Cal Poly students, but it will help all of San Luis Obispo. The No. 4 route especially; it will provide service downtown to those who work there or want to shop there," Maki said.



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Pro Day

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ed a 4.32-second 40 and 41.5-inch vertical leap March 6 — both the top marks at the San Jose State Pro Day.

"My plan was, I wasn't going to do all the drills and stuff today," Brown said. "My plan was to do DB stuff if somebody wanted to come work me out. Last week I had a little setback with my hamstring."

According to NFLDraftScout.com, "The most impressive overall workout of the early Pro Day sessions unquestionably belongs to Cal Poly CB Courtney Brown."

FS Kenny Chicoine

Although Chicoine's 40 time March 26 was not immediately available, Cal Poly defensive coordinator Payam Saadat said Wednesday that Chicoine's 40 time was in the 4.7-second range.

"As a free safety, I'd like to run faster," Chicoine said. "I'm not a world-class sprinter. My splits were decent. That's good. It's more my lateral movement."

Chicoine's three-cone time was 6.8 seconds, an improvement from his mark of seven seconds at San Jose State.

Chicoine leads Cal Poly in career interceptions (20). He said he would consider playing in the CFL, but not beyond that.

"I'm young and my legs are fresh, so whatever way my path strays I'm ready for that if it goes Canada or something like that," he said. "I'll stop at Canada. There's no Arena League or anything else. I've got to get my career going one day. It's good to get out here and keep the dream alive. We'll

see what happens."

Shotwell pointed to Chicoine's production as an indicator of why he deserves to play professionally.

"You don't get 20 interceptions without being a good football player," Shotwell said. "You can't do it. I don't care how fast he ran. You can't measure his game speed, which is unfortunate."

The first NFC scout, though, said workout marks are not the determining factor in who gets drafted and who doesn't.

"It's not really determined all the time by what you do out here," he said. "It's what you do in September and October when the games are played and they say 'hike.'"

Cal Poly has had standouts in the CFL previously, foremost among them running back Antonio Warren, who led the CFL in rushing touchdowns (13) and was fourth in all-purpose yards (2,179) with the BC Lions in 2005.

DL Chris White

White's 40 time March 26 was widely gauged between 4.89 and 5.01 seconds, which is solid for defensive linemen.

"I did better than when we were in San Jose, so I'm happy," White said. "I know I've done better, but they were still happy with what I did, my overall performance. Not as fast as I wanted, but still fast for 285 (pounds). It was a good day today."

White, who played nose tackle last season, said he has gained roughly 25 pounds since the end of the season so he could "be a tweener between a three-technique (tackle) or defensive end" and that he would play anywhere on the defensive line.

"I did well enough for them to

consider me either one, so I'm right where I want to be right now," White said.

Often facing double teams, White had 30 tackles as a senior, including 16 solo, 10.5 for loss and five sacks. He was the lone Mustang named to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association I-AA All-America Team.

WR/CB Anthony Randolph

Randolph said he "wasn't too happy" with his 4.67 time March 26 in the 40, but it's not bad for a player with a 6-4, 228-pound frame.

The only wide receiver at the combine to match that size who ran a 40 (4.4) was Georgia Tech's Calvin Johnson, likely to be a top-five pick. In fact, there were only five receivers and no corners at the combine who measured in at 6-4 to begin with.

Randolph played both positions throughout his collegiate career, finishing with 78 receptions for 989 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also had 23 tackles and eight pass deflections as a senior.

"It lets them know that I'm more versatile," Randolph said of his playing both ways in college. "If I do go into the NFL or CFL or Arena, they'll see that I'm an aggressive, hard-hitting receiver, so it definitely helps. It lets them know that I have more skills than just catching the ball."

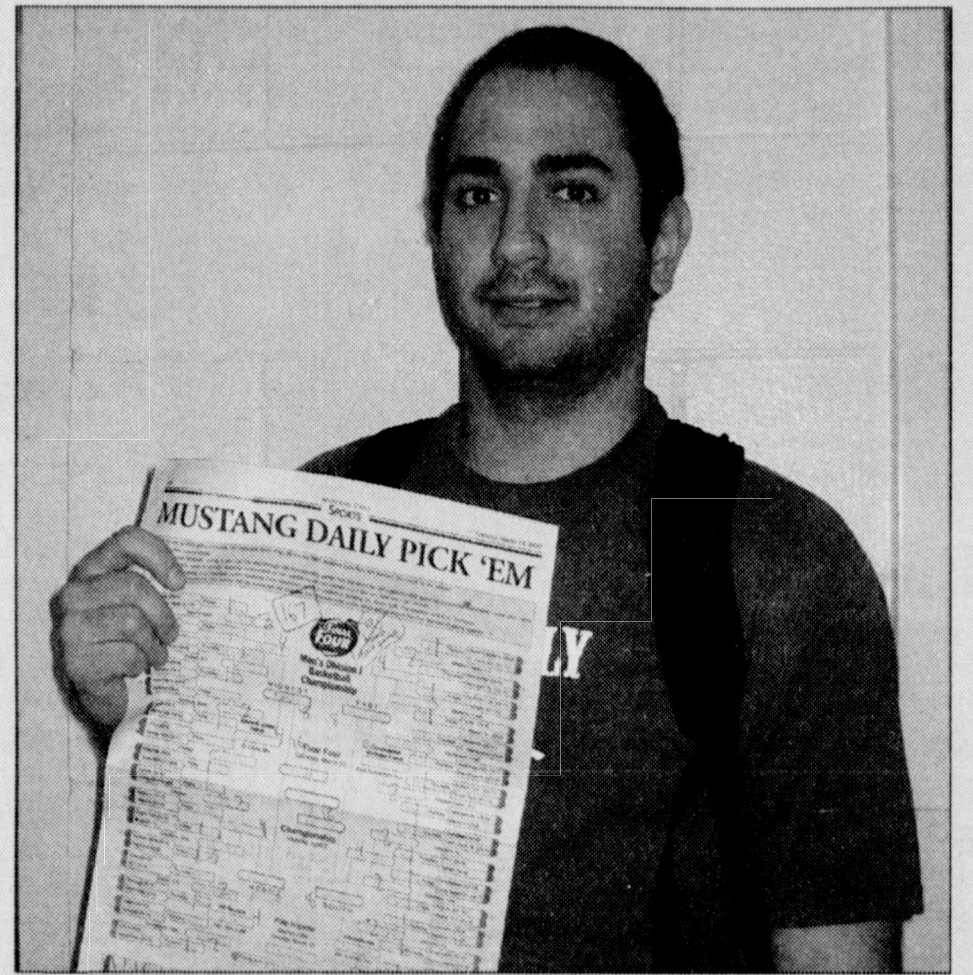
If Randolph opts to play in the Arena Football League, he would not be the first Cal Poly alum to do so. Several ex-Mustangs have played prominent roles in the AFL, including current San Jose SaberCats two-way lineman Dan Loney and former Arizona Rattlers receiver/return specialist Darrell Jones.

OT Joshua Mayfield

Mayfield did not run the 40 on March 26, but participated in the weightroom session, which was closed to the media.

The 6-2 Mayfield had a playing weight of 240 pounds at quick (left) tackle this past season, in which he started all 11 games and helped lead an offensive line that allowed only 11 sacks.

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JENNIFER HALL MUSTANG DAILY

Civil engineering junior Kirk Torossian holds up his winning bracket Tuesday after taking the free Mustang Daily Pick 'Em contest for the NCAA Tournament.

Torossian won a \$50 gift certificate to Firestone Grill. He picked the entire Final Four and championship correctly to score 167 of a possible 192 points and beat out 35 other entrants. Second place went to Danny Scarbrough, who scored 151 points.

In his sophomore and junior seasons, Mayfield played in all 24 games with 12 starts on the O-line.

SS/CB Randy Samuel

Samuel, a sprinter on the men's track and field team, was clocked in the 40 in the 4.5-second range March 26.

The 5-10, 175-pound Samuel had 28 tackles, three interceptions and six pass deflections and received All-Great West Football Conference second-team honors as a senior.

K/P Nick Coromelas

Coromelas punted for scouts

before the 40-yard dashes began.

A former soccer player, he began the 2006 season as kicker only before taking over punting duties after incumbent starting punter Tim Chicoine suffered a quad injury.

In 2006, Coromelas was 12 for 18 on field goals, 25 for 27 on extra points and booted eight touchbacks. Punting-wise, he averaged 41.5 yards per kick with a long of 70 and landed 17 inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

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Defending national champ Pepperdine routs Poly men's tennis team, 6-1

Elsewhere, Cal Poly track and field junior Phillip Reid named Big West Conference Athlete of the Week.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORTS

MALIBU — The Cal Poly men's tennis team was defeated by defending national champion Pepperdine 6-1 Wednesday at Ralph-Straus Tennis Center.

The Waves won for the 54th consecutive time on their home courts as the Mustangs' record fell to 7-11 on the season.

Cal Poly recorded one singles victory and was swept in doubles play.

"Matt (Baca) and Darryn (Young) were tight in their matches and the team had a lot of chances in doubles point, so with that, we are improving as a team and looking to hit our stride as we get ready for the conference championships," Cal Poly first-year head coach Justin McGrath said.

Baca lost to No. 23 Andre Begemann in the tiebreaker, 7-5, 4-6 (10-6), in a near-upset.

Young forced a tight first game in his match to No. 18 Bassam Beidas of Pepperdine, but fell by a score of 7-6, 6-2.

Nick Berger was the lone winner for the Mustangs when he cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 win over Mahmoud Kamel of the Waves.

Cal Poly will host Hawaii at 2 p.m. today.

Track and Field

Junior Phillip Reid posted a NCAA West Regional qualifying mark and the fourth-best time in Cal Poly history at the Stanford Invitational this past Saturday in the 5,000-meter run. Reid posted a time of 14 minutes, 1.58 seconds.

For his accomplishment, Reid was named the Big West Male Track Athlete of the Week on Wednesday.

Eight Mustangs will be traveling to the Texas Relays this week with Reid, Evan Anderson, Mike Perez and Chris Frazier competing in the distance relay Saturday. On Friday, Sharon Day will compete in the high jump, Jenna Homes in the pole vault, Julie Dufresne in the discus and Aris Borjas in the javelin.

Robinson

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hundreds of players to the NFL and other leagues, and the majority of them were clutching college degrees when they left.

"We will be forever grateful for the more than 200 young men he developed at Grambling who starred in the NFL and those who later coached the next generation of NFL players," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said. "He always focused on coaching his players to be better men as well as better football players."

Playing at Grambling became a goal of young black men as Robinson's fame grew.

"Everybody wanted to play at Grambling," Jackson State coach Rick Comegy said. "He'd done such a fantastic job. He was on national TV, you know, and that was the first time I'd ever seen a black college football team on TV growing up."

Robinson's career spanned 11 presidents, several wars and the civil rights movement. Though his teams struggled during his final years, his overall record of excellence is what will be remembered: 408-165-15.

Until John Gagliardi of St. John's, Minn., topped the victory mark four years ago, Robinson was the winningest coach in all of college football.

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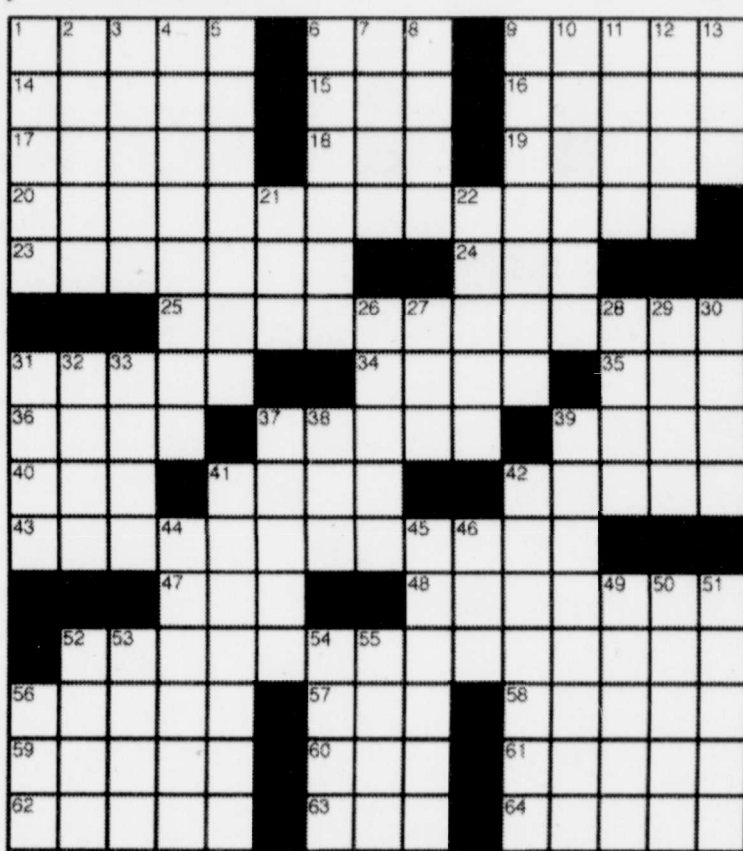
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when you watch them play. Not only were they better than everyone, they wanted it more. If someone wasn't playing well, someone was there to pick him up.

The Gators epitomize what sports are all about: teamwork, winning, and love of the game.

The one thing that was questionable was just how good Oden is going to be, but after Monday night all the haters were turned into believers. If an NBA team was drafting to make senior citizens feel like they can still play at a high level, then Oden would be the pick.

Oden showed every NBA team that not only can he can play at a high level (he schooled two lottery picks), but also that he can make an immediate impact defensively. He finally had a game where you were yelling at the TV for him to keep getting the ball.

Every time he touched it down low, the Buckeyes scored. But like

most college teams, they lived and died by the 3-pointer, and in Ohio State's case, it was the latter. They blew it by not getting the ball to him more.

I would love to watch Oden come back and dominate college basketball for one more year, but let's be honest — he's gone.

He would be out of his mind to turn down the No. 1 pick in the draft, and the enormous shoe deal he is bound to score.

That would be like ESPN.com offering me a four-year, \$12 million deal to write "Johnny in the Box" on their site. Then Dell would sign me to an eight-year, \$80 million contract just to use its computers when I wrote my column.

I mean, school's fun and all, but it looks like the grass is a little greener on the other side. And I'm talking 100-dollar bill green.

Oden, it was fun watching you play in college, but its time to go play with people your own age. Except I forgot that everyone your age is retired.

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Shotwell runs 4.5 40, leads pack of 8 Mustangs at Pro Day

NFL scouts were impressed with Kyle Shotwell's performance despite his hamstring injury.

Tristan Aird
SPORTS EDITOR

The big question regarding Kyle Shotwell's NFL Draft stock was finally answered March 26 when Cal Poly's graduating senior linebacker ran a 40-yard dash in the 4.5-second range.

And he did it by overcoming a nagging hamstring injury in front of NFL scouts from at least four NFC teams and another from the AFC at Cal Poly's Pro Day at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

"I came out here today really just hoping that I'd be able to run a 40," Shotwell said. "I came out here and warmed up, it felt pretty good, so I gave it a go. I'm satisfied with my 40. I'm pretty satisfied with everything else."

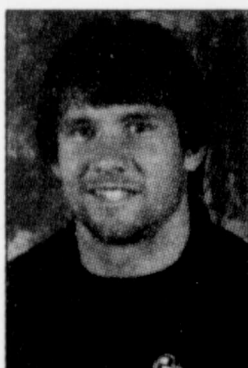
Shotwell said scouts clocked him at everywhere from 4.52 to 4.62 seconds in the 40, but that the majority of times were either 4.55 or 4.56. Pro Days are crucial for players such as Shotwell, — one of five Mustangs who ran the 40 on March 26 — who are trying to build up their stock for the NFL Draft, which runs from April 28 to 29.

One scout from an AFC team politely declined an interview, but two from NFC teams said they were impressed with Shotwell's performance.

"He ran well today for us," one of the NFC scouts said. "I know he's had a tight hamstring, so he only ran one (40), but everybody's times were all (in) the same area, so he did run well today."

A scout from another NFC team spoke fondly not only of Shotwell's workout, but also of his production during a four-year career that included 392 tackles and a Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in Division I-AA this past season.

"I thought he did a great job," the scout said. "I thought the whole squad did a really good job. They pre-



Kyle Shotwell



BRENNAN ANGEL FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly senior linebacker Kyle Shotwell (left) makes one of his eight tackles against Savannah State senior tailback Chad Cone in the Mustangs' 55-0 win Nov. 18, 2006 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

pared. Kyle did some workouts. He's athletic. He's ready to play in the NFL. You look at Jordan Beck and the (Mustangs') track record, you have to be impressed with the numbers (Shotwell) put up and how he competed at the East-West Shrine Game."

The East-West Shrine Game was where Shotwell made seven tackles (five solo) and earned the Pat Tillman Award for showing character and work ethic during the week of practice leading up to the game.

Beck, a middle linebacker, and Chris Gocong, a defensive end, won consecutive Buchanan Awards at Cal Poly in 2004 and 2005. They both excelled at the Shrine Game and were then chosen in the third round of the ensuing drafts, Beck by the Atlanta Falcons and Gocong by the Philadelphia Eagles.

"The thing is," the first NFC scout said, "they're playing for some good coaches here in (head coach Rich) Ellerson and guys are being coached well. Those guys, Gocong and Beck, were dominant football players at this level. That's why they got the opportunity at the next level and had the opportunity to make it."

Unlike Beck and Gocong before him, Shotwell was not invited to February's annual NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis. Shotwell's 40 time, though, compares favorably with those who did go to the combine this year.

Of the 27 linebackers who ran the 40 in Indianapolis, only five ran times faster than Shotwell did March 26, according to marks listed at FFLiveWire.com.

Although the 6-foot-1 Shotwell's playing weight during this past season

hovered around 235 pounds, he said he could be anywhere from 215 to 240 pounds depending on wherever an NFL team might want him to play.

"I'll play anywhere," Shotwell said. "If they want me to play special teams and be the field-goal holder, I'll do that. It really doesn't matter. Whatever they want me to be, I could do that. I'm going to have to make my mark on special teams, and I'm prepared to do that. I have a big heart, a big will. I'm going to go out there and try and make every block, every tackle. That's something that I think I can bring that a lot of guys can't, is the want-to."

Shotwell was interviewed by both the Baltimore Ravens and Carolina Panthers during the Shrine week and got an extended look after the Pro Day's conclusion from an NFC scout.

"There's been a lot of good interest," Shotwell said. "It's encouraging. Hopefully today some of the numbers I put up might raise a couple eyebrows and we'll see what happens."

Shotwell said the only stressful aspect of preparing for the Pro Day was "just the unknown," but that he arrived at a solid mental state a couple days beforehand and felt more comfortable.

"Everyone knows I can play on the field and now they want to see, 'is he just a product of a system or is he a really good athlete?'" Shotwell said. "I think I was able to come out here and show today that I'm a good football player, but I'm also a good athlete. No matter what you put me in, I'm going to go out there and be able to perform. I think I was able to demonstrate my athletic ability today, which was big."

Here are updates on some of Cal Poly's other senior pro prospects:

CB Courtney Brown

Brown opted not to run through drills March 26 for three reasons — he was coming off a minor hamstring injury suffered in the week prior, had just turned in an electrifying performance at San Jose State's Pro Day on March 6 and was still preparing for an individual workout at Hawaii's Pro Day, where he ran through position drills at the Home Depot Center in Carson on March 29.

The 6-2, 205-pound Brown posted
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Johnny in the Box



Gators chomp Buckeyes; Oden to chomp NBA?

John Middlekauff
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Many say it's sweeter the second time around.

I would say that many people in Gainesville, Fla., would have to agree.

We all learned two things in Monday night's national championship game. First, Florida is the most dominant college basketball team this country has seen since Duke repeated, and Greg Oden looks like he could be a grandpa. On a more serious note, Oden put on a performance that showed everyone he isn't all hype.

The University of Florida has to be loving life right now. It is the two-time defending national champion in basketball, holds the BCS championship trophy in football and has smoking hot cheerleaders. The Gators have owned that school known as "The Ohio State University" in both championship games this year.

I couldn't be happier that a team that I don't have any affiliation with won. This team represents everything that is good about college sports. If you are a college basketball fan, you couldn't help but love this team. This team hopefully can show all young basketball players it's not always about getting paid.

First, all five starters returned after winning the championship in 2006, something about as common as Angelina Jolie actually having her own child. Over the last several years, there has been a simple formula for championship teams. It goes: you have good freshmen and/or sophomores that dominate the tournament and then bolt for the NBA.

Not Florida.

This team decided it wanted to do something special, something as a team. Players such as Joakim Noah, Al Horford and Corey Brewer all turned down millions to return because they actually enjoyed school (maybe my generation does have hope).

These guys couldn't have played harder or with more enthusiasm. It just jumps out
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Grambling coach, civil rights pioneer Robinson dies at 88

Eddie Robinson's 57-year career was monumental on the gridiron and in changing the landscape of football.

Mary Foster
ASSOCIATED PRESS

To his very last day, Eddie Robinson was always battling something.

There was the institutional racism that surrounded him, the piddling football budget he and his coaching staff subsisted on at predominantly black Grambling State and, ultimately, the Alzheimer's disease that took his life at age 88.

"He'd been fighting that battle for a long time," said former Grambling quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams. "It was one of the many he fought in his lifetime."

Robinson died Tuesday night, not long after being admitted to Lincoln General Hospital in Ruston, La., Williams said.

He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease shortly after he retired in 1997 and had been in and out of a nursing home during the

past year.

And so ended the life of a beloved football coach who put a small school in remote northern Louisiana on the map and turned it into a virtual farm team for the NFL during a career that spanned 57 years.

Robinson built a football powerhouse with a worldwide reputation, all the while struggling to get past years of segregation and discrimination against blacks.

His success at Grambling no doubt made him the first easily recognizable black coach in any sport.

"Today we mourn the loss of a great Louisianan and a true American hero," Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said. "Coach Eddie Robinson became the most successful college coach of all time and one of the greatest civil rights pioneers in our history. ... Coach Robinson elevated a small town program to national prominence and tore down barriers to achieve an equal playing field for athletes of all races."

Robinson won 408 games, the most ever for any coach at the time of his retirement in 1997. He sent
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